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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST

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1. SUMMARY. AUTHORITATIVE SCIENTEIA POLICY EDITORIAL OCT. 24 INDICATES ROMANIA WILL SEEK ITS OWN ACTIVE ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS AND, IN THE PROCESS, PROMOTE ESTABLISHED GOR FOREIGN POLICY TENETS INCLUDING ROMANIA'S ROLE AS CHAMPION OF SMALLER NATIONS AND ADVOCATE OF "STRENGTHENING" UN. WITH ME CEASEFIRE TAKING SHAPE, ACTIVITIES OF SUPER-POWERS GET NOTABLY SHORTER SHRIFT. END SUMMARY.

2. EDITORIAL STRESSES ROMANIA'S WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ITS "OWN CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION" TO ME PEACE EFFORTS. IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITION TO "POLITICAL CONTACTS" AT UNGA REGARDING ME, GOR

HAS ADDRESSED "MESSAGE" TO "LEADERS OF ALL STATES" WITH VIEW TO HALTING WAR AND FINDING POLITICAL SOLUTION. (MACOVESCU HAS CALLED CHARGE TO MFA THIS EVENING TO PRESENT "DECLARATION" ON UNSTATED SUBJECT; THIS MAY WELL BE "MESSAGE" REFERRED TO.) IDEA OF "INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE" UNDER UN "FRAMEWORK" OR "AEGIS" IS AGAIN TOUTED (REF B). PARTICIPATION WOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY BELLIGERENTS BUT ALSO "OTHER STATES, LARGE, MEDIUM AND SMALL". UN TERMED BEST FORUM, HAVING MISSION OF RESOLVING "ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT."

3. EDITORIAL NOTES THAT "OCCUPATION OF FOREIGN TERRITORY CANNOT BE PERPETUATED INDEFINITELY" WITHOUT REMAINING SOURCE OF "ANIMOSITY, DISCORD AND HATE" AND POSSIBLY MILITARY CONFLICT. (FOR ROMANIAN READER, NOT ONLY ARAB LANDS BUT USSR'S TERRITORIAL PROBLEMS WITH CHINA AND JAPAN, AS WELL AS FORMERLY ROMANIAN BESSARABIA, LEAP TO MIND.) WITH UNUSUAL ROMANIAN EVENHANDEDNESS, EDITORIAL CALLS FOR SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF PALESTINIANS ON BASIS "SELF-DETERMINATION" AND RIGHT TO "SELF-DEVELOPMENT" BUT AT SAME TIME STRONGLY STRESSES RIGHT OF ALL STATES, INCLUDING ISRAEL, TO "SECURITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND A SOVEREIGN, FREE EXISTENCE."

4. EDITORIAL EXPRESSES APPROVAL OF FIRST UNSC CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION AND CALLS FOR ITS STRICT OBSERVANCE, BUT IGNORES US-SOVIET AUTHORSHIP AND MAKES NO RPT NO MENTION OF GREAT-POWER DIPLOMACY. GOR HAS CLEARLY WELCOMED US-SOVIET STEPS TO DAMPEN IMMEDIATE ME CRISIS IF ONLY AS NECESSARY EVIL, BUT NOW APPEARS TO BE PLAYING DOWN THIS ASPECT IN LINE WITH ROMANIAN WARINESS OF GREAT-POWER LEADERSHIP ROLE. MARTENS

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